

**In the Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A method of aligning an optical fiber with an optical device, the fiber having a longitudinal axis and an end surface proximate to the device, said method comprising the step of rotating the optical fiber about a first axis and a second axis, said second axis and said first axis intersecting at the center of said end surface [, said first axis being co-linear with the longitudinal axis of said optical fiber].
2. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said first axis is co-linear with the longitudinal axis of said optical fiber [further comprising the step of rotating the optical fiber about a second axis, said second axis and said first axis intersecting at the center of said end surface].
3. (originally presented) The method of Claim 2, further comprising the step of rotating the optical fiber about a third axis, said third axis, said second axis and said first axis intersecting at the center of said end surface.
4. (originally presented) A method of aligning an optical fiber with an optical device, the fiber having an end surface proximate to the device, said method comprising the steps of
  - a) rotating the optical fiber about a first axis;
  - b) rotating the optical fiber about a second axis; and
  - c) rotating the optical fiber about a third axis; wherein said first axis, said second axis and said third axis intersect at the center of said end surface.
5. (cancelled)
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